

FINAL CALL

COMES TO JNO. N. CRUTCHER.

ONE OF FRANKFORT'S OLDEST
MERCHANTS AND HONORED
CITIZENS DIES MONDAY
MORNING.

On Monday morning, last, at 2:30 o'clock, Col. John N. Crutcher, entered into rest, after a prolonged illness, caused by la grippe and the infirmities of age.

Mr. Crutcher was born and reared in this county. When a young man he came to this city and accepted a position with Mr. James M. Gray, furniture dealer and auctioneer. Later he was with the lamented Mr. Wm. M. Todd. When Mr. Todd removed to Todd, when Mr. Todd removed to Jessamine county, Mr. Crutcher went with the late Mr. Jno. B. Lampton to Catlettsburg, remaining there until Mr. Lampton sold out his business. Mr. Crutcher then returned to this city and engaged in the shoe business with Mr. Edgar Keenon, under the firm style of Keenon & Crutcher. Later he and his father-in-law, Col. A. G. Hodges, leased and operated the Capital Hotel (during the Civil War.)

After the lease of the hotel expired, Mr. Crutcher again entered the boot and shoe business, which he conducted with success until an advantageous offer was accepted and he retired. He then entered the revenue service and remained as a storekeeper some three or four years, when he resigned and returned to his farm and, at the same time, conducted a retail grocery and dry goods store, on the West Side, until about a year ago, when physical infirmities and a desire for rest caused him to permanently retire from business.

By his thrift, energy and economy he had accumulated a comfortable estate.

Mr. Crutcher would have been 78 years of age had he survived until September, 1908.

He was a genial, warm-hearted and generous citizen. As to his private life and actions he was reserved and shy, and but few knew of the acts of charity and kindness that so thickly lined his pathway through life. The poor and needy always found in him a friend in their distress. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and one of its staunchest adherents.

The only positions of public trust he ever held were those of Colonel up on the staff of the late Gov. L. W. Powell, a short term in the internal revenue service, town trustee of Belle Point and four years as member of the Board of Education of this city. In all these positions he rendered an intelligent and faithful service. He was open and above-board in his actions and scorned the time-server and the hypocrite.

In February, 1860, he was united in marriage to Miss Martha Watkins Hodges, third daughter of Col. A. G. Hodges and wife, to whom were born three sons (Albert H., John N., Jr., and Wm. T. Crutcher and four daughters (Annie M. and Carrie Sterling Crutcher, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Lewis and Mrs. Mary W. Rodman), two sons and one daughter preceding him to the other shore.

In all the years that have passed since he was married, he and his good wife have stood in the storm and sunshine hand in hand, he ever being ready to assist her in her many labors of love and mercy.

Mr. Crutcher was a virile, attractive and humorous writer and contributed many articles to the newspapers in the past, advocating measures of public utility and benefit.

He was also a poet of no mean order, and many of his productions were real gems of the first order. But for his modesty and diffidence in this regard he might have achieved distinction and prominence. He wrote under the non de plume of "Newland." He retained his love for the muses even to the end, and several of the New Year addresses of the Yeoman, Commonwealth and Roundabout were from his facile pen.

His humor bubbled over at all times. He enjoyed jokes and fun of all proper shapes. Many of his practical jokes have become widely known here and elsewhere.

Owing largely to the push and public spirit which characterized Mr. Crutcher, the thriving little suburb, formerly known as Belle Point, grew so rapidly that it is now an important part of the third ward of this city.

In his passing away, Frankfort, Franklin county and the State have lost an enterprising and public-spirited citizen, who was always in the front rank of progress, and his family have lost a devoted and loving husband and father.

The funeral services were conducted

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NEW CAPITOL

NEARING COMPLETION.

AND WILL BE OCCUPIED BY
STATE OFFICIALS WITHIN
NEXT FEW MONTHS.

Members of the new Capitol Commission, who are Gov. A. E. Willson, Auditor F. P. James, Secretary of State Ben. L. Bruner, Treasurer Edw. Farley and Attorney General Jas. Breathitt, now expect to be in their new quarters in the new building within the next six months. The building is being completed rapidly, and Judge James Breathitt, attorney general, said Thursday morning that he saw no reason why they should not be in their quarters before six months had passed. This may apply to only a few of the offices which do not have so many records and filing cases to be carried across the city of Frankfort, but it now seems that the new building will be occupied in part at least before frost falls in the autumn.

When the capitol commission meets again it will take up the question of an architect for the building, after Frank M. Andrews, the present architect, completes his present contract, which has some time yet to run. It will not be necessary, to select an architect until the building is actually completed and ready for the furnishings, as Mr. Andrews will continue as the architect until that time. The next thing will be the erection of a power plant to light and heat the building, and it may be that some other architect than Mr. Andrews will be selected for this, or a special contract will be made with him. It has been suggested that he might sell his present plans to the commission for a less sum than the usual 5 per cent which is allowed an architect on all work which he undertakes.

In finishing up the grounds and the street approaching the capitol, it is probable that Mr. Andrews' ideas and plans will be used. Mr. Andrews may not be retained to superintend this work, however, as it is said that the capitol commission does not think it necessary to have an architect for this work. Now that the capitol is nearing completion there is the old talk of a bridge across the river at the foot of Capitol avenue, which faces the new building. It is estimated that such a bridge would cost about \$100,000, and Mr. Andrews estimates that the street could be put in good condition and all the approaches made presentable for \$150,000. This work is to be done some time soon, and will add greatly to the appearance of the capitol.

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PRIMARY

TO BE CALLED IN FIRST DISTRICT
FOR MAY 30. TO NOMINATE
CANDIDATE FOR CON-
GRESS.

In pursuant to a call of Chairman Mott Ayers, the first district Democratic Congressional Committee met in Princeton Wednesday to determine the time and manner of nominating a Democratic candidate for Congress. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 o'clock by the Hon. John H. Stevens, chairman of the Callaway County Democratic Committee, who presided in the unavoidable absence of Chairman Ayers. The Hon. Clem Nunn, of Marion, as secretary of the committee, upon motion read a report recommending that a primary election be held in the district on Saturday, May 30, and setting Tuesday, April 14, as the limit for entries and paying the entrance fees. Should there be but one announced candidate by April 14, the call for the primary election will be rescinded and the committee will meet in Paducah on April 18, and upon resolving into convention will make a nomination which will more than likely be the Hon. Ollie M. James, the incumbent, for there is now no other prospective candidate.

MAJOR SINCLAIR.

Former Mayor of Georgetown and a
Prominent Banker Dies
Wednesday.

Major A. H. Sinclair, former mayor of Georgetown, cashier of the Deposit Bank & Trust company and for twenty-five years one of Georgetown's most prominent citizens, died Wednesday afternoon of pneumonia following an attack of grip. He was past exalted ruler of the Georgetown lodge of Elks and was one of the surviving members of the Gen. John H. Morgan's famous brigade. Major Sinclair was also chairman of the committee which sent out blank petitions for the pardon of Caleb Powers.

DE MOLAY

Commandery Of Louisville Inspected
By Mr. Geo. A. Lewis, Of This City.

Past Grand Commander George A. Lewis, of this city, inspected De Molay Commandery, No. 12, Knights Templar, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, at Sixth and Walnut streets, in Louisville, Wednesday evening. Commander Brainard Lemon conferred membership on two applicants at that meeting. The Louisville Commandery met that night, and organization of companies for battalion drill was considered. The meeting took place at the Masonic Temple.

Communicated.

Mr. Editor:

I was carried to the King's Daughters' Hospital on March 7th, to be operated on for appendicitis, and was back home in two weeks feeling almost myself. Think old reliable stand-by, Dr. U. V. Williams, than whom none is better.

The nurses were so kind, pleasant and attentive, they made me feel as though I were on a visit among my friends, and not at a hospital to undergo an operation.

May all those whose misfortune causes them to go to the K. D. Hospital for relief fare as well as myself. MISS SALLIE SCANLAND.

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